GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6507
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OPENING OF CSD CANTEEN AT MAVELIKKARA
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any criteria to open new CSD Canteen;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open CSD canteen at Mavelikkara in Kerala; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6507 9.5.2002

As per the existing guidelines, sanction to operate Unit Run Canteen is accorded by the Brigade/Sub Area or Higher Formation Commanders subject to the unit having a strength of one hundred or more service personnel including attached personnel. As regards opening of Canteens for ex-servicemen, Command Headquarters are at liberty to open canteens for ex-servicemen at their discretion. However, a broad guideline of a minimum strength of 10,000 ex-servicemen in an area and the economic and administrative viability of running the canteen is kept in view by the Formation Commanders while deciding opening of canteen for ex-servicemen. Since no grant/subsidy is available from Government, the canteen must be economically viable.

The local Formation Headquarters have examined the proposal for opening a Canteen at Mavelikkara in Kerala in consultation with the local Office of the National Ex-Servicemen Co-ordination Committee and have not found the proposal to be economically and administratively viable.